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FOLLOWING IS FULL TEXT OF STORY CARRIED APRIL 12 EAST AFRICAN
STANDARD OF NAIROBI AND ATTRIBUTED TO " STANDARD STAFF REPORTER
LONDON."

BEGIN TEXT: US LIKELY TO HALT ALL AID TO UGANDA

THE US IS TO STOP ALL AID TO UGANDA AND WILL WITHDRAW ALL
AID PERSONNEL, ACCORDING TO DIPLOMATIC SOURCES IN LONDON, WHO SAID
YESTERDAY THAT A STATEMENT IS EXPECTED TO BE ISSUED IN WASHING-
TON SHORTLY. THE PEACE CORPS PULLED OUT LAST YEAR.

IT IS UNDERSTOOD THAT NO APPROPRIATION FOR UGANDA IS INCLUDED
IN THE AID BILL PRESIDENT NIXON IS SOON TO PRESENT TO CONGRESS.
AID TO UGANDA HAS BEEN RUNNING AT ABOUT 11,225,500 ANNUALLY, FOR
EDUCATION, ADMINISTRATION, TRAINING, AGRICULTURE AND SELF- HELP
PROJECTS. NO SCHEME WILL BE LEFT UNCOMPLETED.

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THE US AID PROGRAMME IN UGANDA IS SERVICED BY ABOUT TWENTY ADVISERS, MOST OF WHOSE FAMILIES HAVE ALREADY LEFT. THE AID IS BEING WITHDRAWN BECAUSE OF WASHINGTON'S DISAPPROVAL OF PRESIDENT AMIN'S POLICIES AND THE DIFFICULTY IN THE PRESENT CIRCUMSTANCES OF CARRYING OUT TRAINING SCHEMES AND OTHER AID ACTIVITIES.

THE US AMBASSADOR, MR. MELADY-- A POLITICAL APPOINTEE-- WAS RECALLED EARLIER THIS YEAR FOR CONSULTATIONS IN WASHINGTON, AND IT IS BELIEVED HE WILL NOT BE RETURNING TO KAMPALA. THE EMBASSY IS TO BE DOWNGRADED, AS WAS THE BRITISH HIGH COMMISSION LAST YEAR.

WASHINGTON IS VERY MUCH "IN STEP" WITH LONDON OVER UGANDA.
END TEXT.
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